

## NETWORK Calls on Congress to Immediately Pass the Dream Act and the Promise Act to Provide a Pathway to Citizenship for Dreamers, TPS, and DED Recipients

NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice educates, organizes, and lobbies for economic and social justice. We have a 46-year track record of lobbying for critical federal programs that support people at the margins of our society and prioritize the common good. Inspired by our founding Catholic Sisters and the leadership of the women who followed, we faithfully embody Gospel justice as we work for change. We are rooted in Catholic Social Justice and open to all who share our passion. NETWORK Lobby has over 100,000 members in every congressional district across the country.

Catholic Social Justice teaches that all people are made in the image and likeness of God and possess an equal and inalienable worth. Because of this essential dignity, each person has a right to what is necessary to reach their full potential as intended by God. NETWORK believes it is long past time for Congress to provide Dreamers, TPS, and DED holders with a pathway to citizenship. This has been a cornerstone goal of numerous legislative efforts to reform our broken, outdated immigration system. The Dream Act and the Promise Act will create a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, TPS, and DED holders. NETWORK urges you to support and pass this legislation. Failing to create a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, TPS and DED holders would mean that we fail to recognize their contributions to our society and their inalienable worth.

As a faith-based organization working in solidarity with those most directly affected by this legislation, NETWORK Lobby urges members of Congress to support the intent of this legislation.

## **Support** amendments that:

- Expand eligibility for permanent immigration relief for applicants and their family members
- Institute case-by-case independent or judicial review and discretion for all potentially eligible individuals

## **Oppose** amendments that:

- Further restrict the existing eligibility criteria based on fear, discrimination, or criminalization of entire categories of people
- Pair immigration relief for some populations with enforcement policies that endanger others

Every day that a real solution is delayed, countless members of our community have to live in anxiety and fear, unsure if they will be allowed to stay in the country they call home. For far too long, our immigrant sisters and brothers have waited for Congress to pass legislation that affirms their dignity by providing them access to citizenship. Congress must pass the Dream Act and the Promise Act immediately.